

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

Case:2:16-cr-20143
Judge: Cohn, Avern
MJ: Whalen, R. Steven
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SEALED MATTER (DP)

**D-1 STEPHEN BROWN,
A.K.A. "STEPH,"**

18 U.S.C. § 1513(a)(1)(B)

**D-2 DEAUTA BELCHER,
A.K.A. "BYRD,"**

18 U.S.C. § 1513(f)

18 U.S.C. § 1958

**D-3 ANDRE WATSON,
A.K.A. "LIL STUNNA,"**

**D-4 DARNELL BAILEY,
A.K.A. "GINO,"**

D-5 BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR.,

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

(18 U.S.C. § 1513(a)(1)(B) –Retaliating Against a Witness, Victim, or an Informant)

**D-1 Stephen Brown,
D-2 Deauta Belcher,
D-3 Andre Watson,
D-4 Darnell Bailey,
D-5 Billie Chambers, Jr.**

**On or about September 11, 2015, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern
Division, the defendants, STEPHEN BROWN, DEAUTA BELCHER, ANDRE**

WATSON, DARNELL BAILEY, and BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR., killed Devin Wallace with the intent to retaliate against him for providing to a law enforcement officer information relating to the commission or possible commission of a federal offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1513(a)(1)(B) and 2.

COUNT TWO

(18 U.S.C. § 1513(f) – Conspiracy to
Retaliate Against a Witness, Victim, or an Informant)

D-1 Stephen Brown,
D-2 Deauta Belcher,
D-3 Andre Watson,
D-4 Darnell Bailey,
D-5 Billie Chambers, Jr.

In or about September of 2015, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendants, STEPHEN BROWN, DEAUTA BELCHER, ANDRE WATSON, DARNELL BAILEY, BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR., conspired together and with others both known and unknown to the grand jury, to kill Devin Wallace, with the intent to retaliate against him for providing to a law enforcement officer information relating to the commission of federal offenses, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1513(f).

Background of the Conspiracy

1. In August of 2013, agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) confronted victim Devin Wallace about his drug trafficking activities. Wallace

admitted, among other things, that he trafficked controlled substances and identified other co-conspirators.

2. After the initial meeting in August, Wallace again met with DEA agents to discuss his trafficking of controlled substances. Wallace again identified his co-conspirators and other information that furthered the DEA's investigation.

3. The cooperation provided by Wallace assisted in the prosecution of other drug traffickers, and it became commonly known that Wallace was cooperating with law enforcement.

Manner and Means

The manner, means, and methods employed by the defendants, STEPHEN BROWN, DEAUTA BELCHER, ANDRE WATSON, DARNELL BAILEY, and BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR., and others known and unknown to the grand jury, to effect the object of the conspiracy were as follows:

1. DEATUA BELCHER agreed to pay STEPHEN BROWN a sum of U.S. currency to murder Devin Wallace because of his cooperation with the DEA.

2. DARNELL BAILEY and DEAUTA BELCHER arranged to meet with Devin Wallace on the afternoon of September 11, 2015, at the They Say restaurant located at 267 Joseph Campau Avenue, in Detroit, Michigan.

3. On September 11, 2015, BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR. agreed to drive STEPHEN BROWN and ANDRE WATSON to the They Say restaurant in order to accomplish the murder of Devin Wallace.

4. On September 11, 2015, DARNELL BAILEY approached Devin Wallace, who was parked outside the They Say restaurant in his white Mercedes Benz sedan, and stood beside the vehicle and talked to Wallace to stall him so that accomplices would know where to find him.

5. On September 11, 2015, STEPHEN BROWN and DEAUTE BELCHER contacted each other by phone both shortly before and after the murder of Devin Wallace.

6. On September 11, 2015, STEPHEN BROWN and BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR. contacted each other by phone on multiple occasions before the murder of Devin Wallace.

7. On September 11, 2015, at approximately 5:00 p.m., BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR., drove a black Dodge Charger, with STEPHEN BROWN and ANDRE WATSON as passengers, to the They Say restaurant.

8. On September 11, 2015, STEPHEN BROWN and ANDRE WATSON fired multiple shots at Devin Wallace.

9. On September 11, 2015, DEAUTE BELCHER gave a false statement to the responding Detroit Police investigators.

COUNT THREE

(18 U.S.C. § 1958 – Use of Interstate Commerce
Facilities in the Commission of Murder-for-Hire)

D-1 Stephen Brown,
D-2 Deauta Belcher,
D-3 Andre Watson,
D-4 Darnell Bailey,
D-5 Billie Chambers, Jr.

On or about September 11, 2015, in the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, the defendants, STEPHEN BROWN, DEAUTA BELCHER, ANDRE WATSON, DARNELL BAILEY, and BILLIE CHAMBERS, JR., used and caused another to use a facility of interstate or foreign commerce, to wit: the telephone, with intent that the murder of Devin Wallace be committed in violation of the laws of the State of Michigan or the United States, and as consideration for a promise and agreement to pay, things of pecuniary value, to wit: United States currency, all in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1958 and 2.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

Pursuant to Fed.R.Cr.P. 32.2(a), the government hereby provides notice to the defendants of its intention to seek forfeiture of all proceeds, direct or indirect, or property traceable thereto, all property that facilitated the commission of the

violations alleged, or property traceable thereto, and all property involved in, or property traceable thereto, of the violations set forth in this Indictment.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

/s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
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This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :	Judge Assigned:
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Case Title: USA v. Stephen Brown, et. al.County where offense occurred : WayneCheck One: ☒ Felony ☐ Misdemeanor ☐ Petty

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Superseding Case Information

Superseding to Case No: _____ Judge: _____


- ☐ Original case was terminated; no additional charges or defendants.
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☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant nameChargesPrior Complaint (if applicable)

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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